



ANNUAL PROGRAM
for PROPOSED PROGRAM OPEN SPACE
ACQUISITION & DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS
FY 2019



SOMERSET COUNTY
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June 26, 2018

Ms. Carrie Lhotsky
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Department of Natural Resources
580 Taylor Avenue, E-4
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Ms. Lhotsky:

Attached please find one (1) original copy of the Fiscal Year 2019 Program Open Space Annual Program for Somerset County, including:

Development Projects (4)

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call at (410) 651-4980.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Clint Sterling", is written over the typed name.

Clint Sterling
Director

Somerset County Program Open Space Plan 2019

The following projects are detail proposals to improve the recreational facilities and meet the needs of Somerset County residents in the coming year. In determining these projects the following factors were considered:

1. Number of people impacted
2. Date of last POS project completed at the site
3. How the project benefits citizens in the outer lying areas of the county
4. How the project contributes to the overall fitness and opportunities for exercise of the citizens

Clarence Laird Softball Field Enhancements

This field currently has shown a large increase in use over the past 2-3 years with the creation of multi-season programs for: Men's Slow Pitch softball, Co-ed Slow Pitch Softball, Recreational Girls Softball and a couple of annual fundraising tournaments. The field is also used for Middle School and JV softball during the school year. The enhancements proposed for this facility are a new backstop/fence with safety covers, the inclusion of a scoreboard, and the grading/seeding of the outfield area.

Mt. Vernon Park Enhancements

This park serves the residents of Mt. Vernon and the surrounding areas. It has a pavilion and 2 playground areas. The plan is to add a small storage shed, enhance the pavilion, install 1 new piece of playground equipment and 2-3 pieces of workout equipment and improve upon the landing and surrounding areas of existing playground equipment by upgrading the surrounds and filling with a long lasting bedding.

Long Centralized Athletic Facility

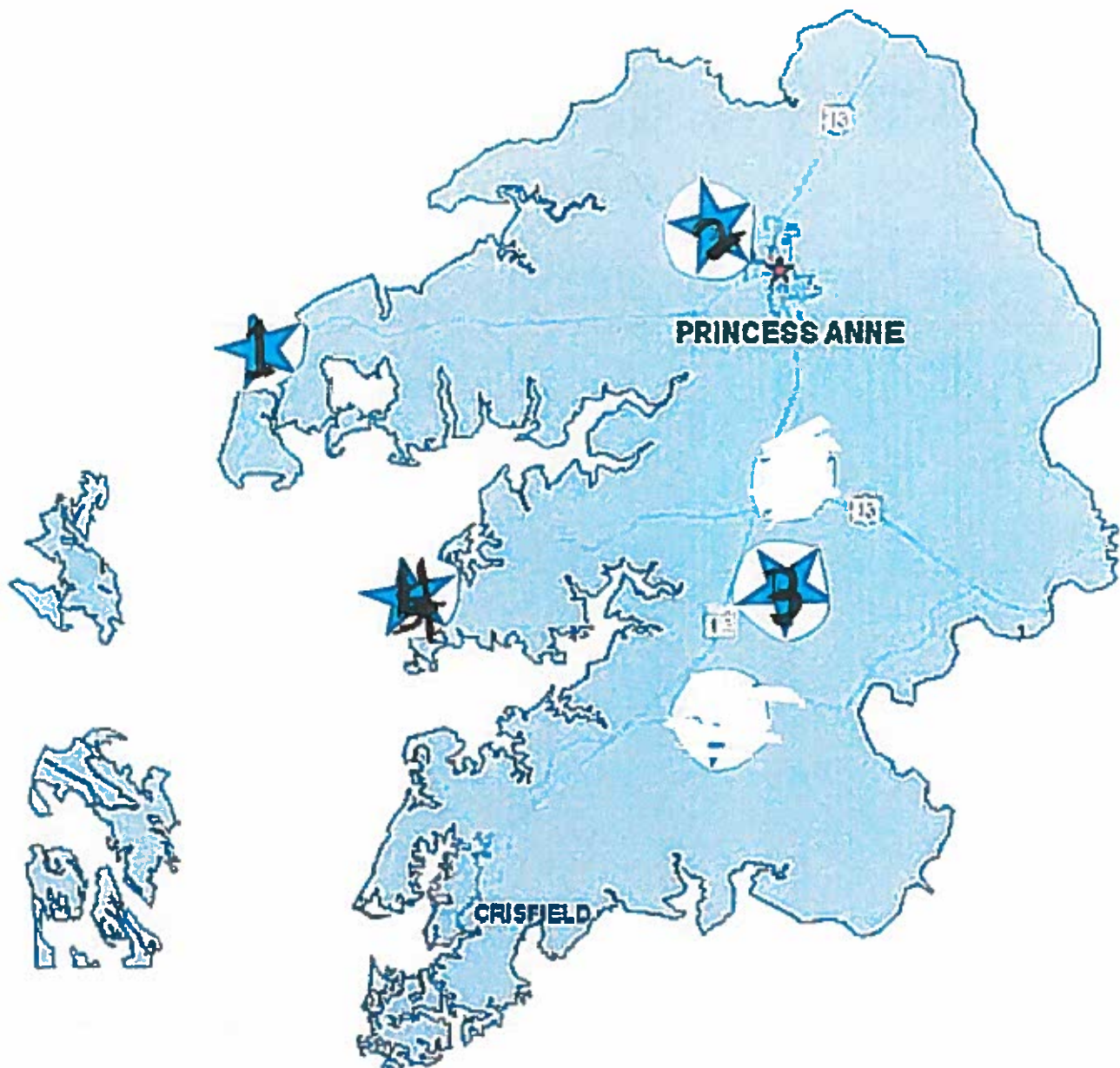
This is the hub for Somerset Recreational activities hosting sports, picnics, family events, walking, playground and general fitness. The plan is to enhance the park by improving upon the surface of the ½ mile walking trail, adding 4-6 workout stations and a shaded area, and adding a multi-use surface for basketball, paddle sports and other games.

Raccoon Point Park

This is Somerset's only waterfront park. This small out of the way area hosts a number of picnickers, bird watchers, photographers and fisherman and is also a site for nature based education. Currently, it has a pavilion. The plan is to add a playground area, 2 permanent benches, a large grill and a fire ring. Additionally, some grading and addition of stone is needed in the parking area.

Somerset County is happy to present its annual plan for Program Open Space and considers the funding provided by this program to be essential in meeting our Recreational goals and providing safe and meaningful opportunities for our citizens and visitors.

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2019 Program Open Space Local Plan Locations

1. Mt. Vernon Park
2. Clarence Laird Softball Field
3. Long Centralized Athletic Facility
4. Raccoon Point Park

APPENDIX E: Funding Authorization

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Director, Program Open Space
Department of Natural Resources
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580 Taylor Avenue
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RE: Somerset Annual Open Space Program

Dear Ms. Lhotsky

As the official designated by Somerset County for the purpose of dispensing the Program Open Space and Land and Water Conservation Fund apportionments for this political subdivision, I hereby certify that

Somerset County Department of Recreation and Parks
(Applicant)

may apply for the following funds on the above referenced project.

Name of Grant Program	Amount
Program Open Space	245,000.00
Land and Water Conservation Fund	
Other Local Funds	16,100.00
TOTAL	261,100.00



Signature - County Liaison Officer

Gregory C. Sterling, Jr.